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15 September 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 15 September 1965

DDCI was in the chair. DCI was on the Hill.

DDI described problems in scheduling another session with [redacted] and company to include other Government officials as well. (See Action 1)

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DDI pointed out that the Agency memo on the NFLSVN had been issued in a secret version and that the outlook was that the Government would probably see fit to release much of this information.

DDI reported that McGeorge Bundy and Bromley Smith believe the thrust of the Agency's memo of the Soviet Economic and Growth Rate should be made available in the public domain.

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DDI noted that he was, at State and DOD request, helping to make arrangements for the forthcoming [redacted]

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DDI reminded of the scheduled meeting on 18 September with Ambassador Goldberg.

R. J. Smith briefed on the current military sweep operation in the Ben Cat area North of Saigon. He also pointed out that important decisions and possible personnel shifts are expected during the forthcoming meeting of the Soviet Plenum which begins 27 September.

Kent noted that there were three Estimates before USIB this week.

Warfield reported that the Agency is now handling virtually all official [redacted] and that a standby [redacted] is in [redacted] as needed.

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deSilva recommended for reading Ambassador Lodge's cable (No. 888) which contains an optimistic view of the situation in Vietnam.

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Bross reported that [] had received the highest award given by []. Bross pointed out certain inadequacies in contributions submitted for the annual report to the President's Board and asked for help from the Deputy Directors, particularly as regards the subject of deficiencies and steps being taken to meet them.

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[] for DDS&T reported that the U-2 has arrived at [] in accordance with contingency planning.

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Executive Director noted that 18 September is the Agency's official "birthday". A ceremony, including longevity awards, will take place at noon on 17 September. It was agreed that the ceremony should be kept to no more than 30 minutes.

DDCI reported establishment of an NSC operational planning committee to deal with the subcontinent problem. Critchfield has been designated as the Agency's representative.

DDCI noted that General Taylor is interesting himself in counterinsurgency. It was also noted that a special meeting of the Special Group (CI) with Taylor in attendance has been set for 17 September.

DDCI briefed on his session yesterday with our Senate Subcommittee which was chaired for the first time in some time by Senator Russell. (See Action 4)

DDCI reported that he had discussed the world situation with the Executive Committee of the [] in New York last night.

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ACTIONS

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1. In regard to the next session with [] and company, DDI is to set a date for such a meeting, invite the participants, and put the invitation to [] in writing. (DDI -- meeting to be arranged before the end of the month)

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2. DDCI requested that briefing maps on Kashmir be clarified by indicating areas of contention between India and Pakistan and between China and India. (DDI)

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4. Reporting that Senator Russell complained that he and his Subcommittee are not kept adequately informed of covert and exotic Agency operations, DDCI directed that DDP and DDS&T begin preparation of a suitable checklist, with annexes, of such operations to be used in future briefings of the Subcommittee. (DDP and DDS&T -- 1 October)

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